

Project	MASGC- Preserving Oral Histories of Waterfront-Related Pursuits in Bayou La Batre
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Interviewee	Avery Bates
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00:00:31	Avery speaking on plans for a boat ramp near Cedar Point, Heron Bay, the Cutoff
00:01:45	Avery on needing more access to the water in order to maximize the natural resources and be able to pass it on from generation to generation
00:03:25	Natural disasters, such as Hurricanes, and impact on oyster/marine habitat
00:03:47	Dauphin Island (gap in west end and subsequent problem of letting too much salt water into brackish areas where oysters, shrimp and other species are damaged)
00:04:30	Lack of oysterman out catching oysters
00:05:26	Use of Cedar Point Fishing Pier and surrounding habitat now and in the past
00:06:12	Social impact due to loss of fishing grounds
00:07:05	Alabama oysters and imported oysters from other states
00:08:00	Importance of maintaining Alabama waterways open and accessible for industrial commercial as well as commercial seafood
00:08:45	What happens/ can be seen in the community when there is a good oyster harvest or a bad oyster harvest
00:09:40	Avery on quality of Alabama seafood
00:10:58	Avery speaking on regulation of commercial fishing in Alabama and using correct science/biology
00:12:15	Planting shells (oyster cultch planting)
00:14:00	Teaching children trades in seafood industry and understanding heritage
00:14:20	Being able to eat during the depression because of location near water and therefore food
00:15:00	Avery talking on how/ where America gets its food
00:15:30	Avery discussing the EPA and FDA
00:16:20	Importance of maintaining a healthy marine habitat and what happens when habitat is ruined/ destroyed

00:20:20	Avery speaking about legislators asking or involving fishermen on issues that will or can effect seafood industry
00:21:40	The oyster industry as the backbone of the seafood industry
00:22:20	Effects of high gas prices on shrimping industry
00:23:00	Habitat marine being lost as a result of oil and natural gas rigs
00:23:30	Seafood industry is what supports Bayou La Batre and other nearby places
00:24:40	Avery speaking on what people who cannot fish anymore are doing
00:26:25	Importance of seafood industry to the state of Alabama; commercial fishing versus recreational fishing
00:27:30	Local seafood versus imported seafood
00:28:00	Oystering and the profits that can be made or no profit at all if oysters are not surviving in their habitat
00:29:35	Seafood factories in Bayou La Batre area now and in the past; seafood industry and hard work involved
00:32:40	The impact mother nature can have on the fishing industry
00:33:08	Population growth in Baldwin and Mobile counties
00:34:30	Avery on the state of Alabama and the need to help fishermen
00:35:30	Avery speaking on dredging in Alabama
00:36:33	Cut in tape
00:36:40	Avery speaking about growing up and shrimping
00:38:19	Need for management now and in management in the past
00:40:14	Preserving liberties and freedoms
00:40:45	Avery speaking on his youth when he shrimped
00:41:50	Keep heritage/ traditions going
00:42:29	Who Avery sold fish to as a boy and some family history; it is good to learn from the past
00:43:30	Fish is good
00:45:33	Predicting the weather in Billy Goat hole (how things are different today then from in the past)
00:47:50	Natural reproduction in nature versus state or federal reproduction programs
00:49:00	Avery learning things about the water from his father
00:50:00	Not being able to harvest oysters at current time
00:52:23	Being able to catch spawning crabs now versus when it was not allowed in the past
00:54:49	Commercial versus recreation fishing